

Testimony of

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Before the

Education Committee

Re:

SB 229: AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS.

March 4, 2022

Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in opposition to Senate Bill 229. This proposal creates a loophole that takes the education funding power away from our elected legislators and making it easier to redirect funds away from our Danbury Public Schools. As Danbury educators, we know what it takes to educate our kids. We believe that Danbury Public Schools are best suited to educate all of our students.

My children are the product of Danbury Public Schools, and being the lowest funded town in CT we need every penny we can get. A charter school will only hurt the families of Danbury.

Rather than opening up loopholes to divert education funding, we should focus funding on improving our existing system for Danbury's children.

Thank you.